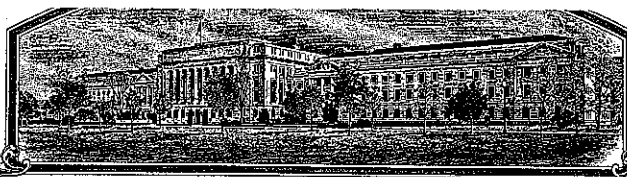


No.

9900104



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (34 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'90B31'



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.

Attest:

Alan R. Post

Acting Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

[Signature]
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

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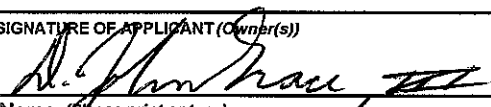
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate)		2. EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.			90B31
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)		5. TELEPHONE (include area code)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9900104 FILING DATE 11-27-98 FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE: \$ 2450.00 DATE 11-27-98 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 320.00 DATE 3.15.01
7300 NW 62nd Ave P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004		515-270-3582	
6. FAX (include area code)			
515-253-2288			
7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME	8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical)		
Glycine max L.	Leguminosae		
9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name)			
Soybean			
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)			
Corporation			
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION		12. DATE OF INCORPORATION	
Iowa		May 6, 1926	
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS			14. TELEPHONE (include area code)
John Grace Dr. Daria Schmidt 7300 NW 62nd Ave. P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004 JLS 6 Feb. 2001			515-270-3582
			15. FAX (include area code)
			515-253-2288
16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,600 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)			
17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)?			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If "no," go to Item (20)			
18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?		19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate			
The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.			
Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))	
 Name (Please print or type) D. John Grace III			
CAPACITY OR TITLE		CAPACITY OR TITLE	
Soybean Research Coordinator			
DATE		DATE	
11/20/98			

Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety**Soybean Variety 90B31**

Variety 90B31 evolved from a 1994 cross of 9007/5/9172/4/ST2250/3/9392//9392/40-3-2.

It is an F4-derived variety which was advanced to the F4 generation by modified single seed descent. The F5 progeny row of 90B31 was grown in summer 1996. Subsequently, 90B31 has undergone 2 years of extensive testing and purification and has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation, with no evidence of variants. On the basis of agronomic performance, maturity and resistance to labeled Roundup Brand herbicides variety 90B31 was given a commercial number.

One acre of 90B31 (breeders seed) was grown in summer 1997. 79 acres of parent seedstock (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in the winter 1996-1997 and 1290 bushels harvested.

Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness**Soybean Variety 90B31**

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Variety 90B31 is most similar to varieties ^{OAC}Bayfield and Maple Arrow. These varieties have purple flowers, tawny pubescence, and yellow seeds with brown hila. However, 90B31 is resistant to labeled Roundup brand herbicides while ^{OAC}Bayfield and Maple Arrow are susceptible.

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 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 SEED DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
 (Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
 SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME 90B31
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) 7300 N.W. 62nd Ave., P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, IA 50131-1004		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9900104

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero on the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



L

W

T

1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)

3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify)

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify)

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1 a)

2 = Type B (SP1 b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify)

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 1

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 3

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 2

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 3

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

☐ 0

Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

☐ 1

Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

☐ 0

Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

☐ 1

Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)

Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojae*)

☐ 0

Race 1

☐ 0

Race 2

☐ 0

Race 3

☐ 0

Race 4

☐ 0

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐ 0

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)

☐ 0

Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)

☐ 0

Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

☒ 1

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Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)

☐ 0

Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASES REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 1 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
☐ 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
☐ 1 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 1 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ 1 Race 5 ☐ 0 Race 6 ☐ 0 Race 7
☐ 0 Race 8 ☐ 0 Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify)

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 1 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
☐ 1 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
★ ☐ 1 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
☐ 1 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
★ ☐ 1 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
★ ☐ 0 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 1 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
★ ☐ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
★ ☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
☐ 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify)

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
☐ 2 Other (Specify) Metribuzin

21. INSECT REACTION: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna Varivestis*)
☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
☐ Other (Specify)

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	Bayfield	Seed Coat Luster	9042
Leaf Shape	Bayfield	Seed Size	9042
Leaf Color	Bayfield	Seed shape	9061
Leaf Size	Bayfield	Seedling Pigmentation	9061

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Variety Name 90B31

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY : Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEED	NO. SEEDS POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted 90B31	121	2.4	81.3					14.6	3
Name of Similar Variety 9042	121	2.6	80.0					14.4	3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A2 in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop. Sci., 13: 420-421
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1:1-19

Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety**Soybean Variety 90B31**

In Exhibit C we have identified variety 90B31 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, rhizoctonia root rot, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle and seed mottle.

This does not mean that variety 90B31 is any worse for these problems than other varieties of similar maturity. Rather, we do not consider 90B31 to be immune to these problems. Therefore, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified the line as "susceptible".

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until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).**EXHIBIT E**
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

1. Name Of Applicant(s) Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	2. Temporary Designation Or Experimental Number	3. Variety Name 90B31
4. Address (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 7300 NW 62nd Ave P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004	5. Telephone (include area code) 515-270-3582	6. Fax (include area code) 515-253-2288
	7. PVPO Number 9900104	

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, Please explain. ☒ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, give name of country _____

10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), Is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?
☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country _____

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?
☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country _____

11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use reverse for extra space):

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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